

HOUSE BILL No. 1190

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-8.3; IC 8-2.1-24-18.

Synopsis: Hours of work for emergency utility workers. Exempts an employee of a utility or an employee of a subcontractor or contractor of a utility from regulation of the maximum hours of work when the individual: (1) holds a commercial driver's license; and (2) is engaged in intrastate maintenance or repair work during a utility service interruption emergency.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-8.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 8.3. Utility Employees; Utility Service Interruption**
5 **Emergencies**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commercial driver's license"**
7 **has the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-29.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commercial motor vehicle" has**
9 **the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-31.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "utility" has the meaning set**
11 **forth in IC 8-1-2-1(g).**

12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "utility service interruption**
13 **emergency" means an outage or interruption of utility service in**
14 **Indiana, including a near term threat or occurrence of a**
15 **meteorological or other condition reasonably likely to result in**
16 **outages or service interruption. The emergency:**

17 **(1) begins when a utility receives:**



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(A) notice of or a request to respond to an outage or a service interruption; or

(B) notice of the existence of conditions reasonably likely to result in an outage or a service interruption; and

(2) continues until:

(A) the necessary maintenance or repair work is completed; and

(B) personnel used to perform necessary maintenance or repair work have returned to their respective normal work routines.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "utility service vehicle" has the meaning set forth in 49 CFR 395.2.

Sec. 6. An individual who:

(1) is the holder of a commercial driver's license;

(2) is:

(A) an employee;

(B) an employee of a contractor; or

(C) an employee of a subcontractor;

of a utility in an employment capacity in which the commercial driver's license is used; and

(3) operates a commercial motor vehicle as a utility service vehicle and engages in intrastate maintenance or repair work in response to a utility service interruption emergency;

is exempt from any regulation of the maximum hours of service that the employee may work under 49 CFR 395.

SECTION 2. IC 8-2.1-24-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2003, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18. (a) 49 CFR Parts 382 through 387, 390 through 393, and 395 through 398 is incorporated into Indiana law by reference, and, except as provided in subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g), must be complied with by an interstate and intrastate motor carrier of persons or property throughout Indiana. Intrastate motor carriers subject to compliance reviews under 49 CFR 385 shall be selected according to criteria determined by the superintendent which must include but is not limited to factors such as previous history of violations found in roadside compliance checks and other recorded violations. However, the provisions of 49 CFR 395 that regulate the hours of service of drivers, including requirements for the maintenance of logs, do not apply to a driver of a truck that is registered by the bureau of motor vehicles and used as a farm truck under IC 9-18, or a vehicle operated in intrastate construction or construction related service. ~~or the restoration of public utility services interrupted by an~~

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~~emergency.~~ Except as provided in subsection (i), intrastate motor carriers not operating under authority issued by the United States Department of Transportation shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 390.21(b)(3) by registering with the department of state revenue as an intrastate motor carrier and displaying the certification number issued by the department of state revenue preceded by the letters "IN". Except as provided in subsection (i), all other requirements of 49 CFR 390.21 apply equally to interstate and intrastate motor carriers.

(b) 49 CFR 107 subpart (F) and subpart (G), 171 through 173, 177 through 178, and 180, is incorporated into Indiana law by reference, and every:

- (1) private carrier;
- (2) common carrier;
- (3) contract carrier;
- (4) motor carrier of property, intrastate;
- (5) hazardous material shipper; and
- (6) carrier otherwise exempt under section 3 of this chapter;

must comply with the federal regulations incorporated under this subsection, whether engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), nonspecification bulk and nonbulk packaging, including cargo tank motor vehicles, may be used only if all the following conditions exist:

- (1) The maximum capacity of the vehicle is less than three thousand five hundred (3,500) gallons.
- (2) The shipment of goods is limited to intrastate commerce.
- (3) The vehicle is used only for the purpose of transporting fuel oil, kerosene, diesel fuel, gasoline, gasohol, or any combination of these substances.

~~All additional federal standards for the safe transportation of hazardous materials apply until July 1, 2000. After June 30, 2000,~~ The maintenance, inspection, and marking requirements of 49 CFR 173.8 and Part 180 are applicable. In accordance with federal hazardous materials regulations, new or additional nonspecification cargo tank motor vehicles may not be placed in service under this subsection after June 30, 1998.

(d) For the purpose of enforcing this section, only:

- (1) a state police officer or state police motor carrier inspector who:
 - (A) has successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the Federal Highway Administration; and
 - (B) maintains an acceptable competency level as established by the state police department; or

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(2) an employee of a law enforcement agency who:

(A) before January 1, 1991, has successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the Federal Highway Administration; and

(B) maintains an acceptable competency level as established by the state police department;

on the enforcement of 49 CFR, may, upon demand, inspect the books, accounts, papers, records, memoranda, equipment, and premises of any carrier, including a carrier exempt under section 3 of this chapter.

(e) A person hired before September 1, 1985, who operates a motor vehicle intrastate incidentally to the person's normal employment duties and who is not employed as a chauffeur (as defined in IC 9-13-2-21(a)) is exempt from 49 CFR 391 as incorporated by this section.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of 49 CFR 391 to the contrary, a person at least eighteen (18) years of age and less than twenty-one (21) years of age may be employed as a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle intrastate. However, a person employed under this subsection is not exempt from any other provision of 49 CFR 391.

(g) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the following provisions of 49 CFR do not apply to private carriers of property operated only in intrastate commerce or any carriers of property operated only in intrastate commerce while employed in construction or construction related service:

(1) Subpart 391.41(b)(3) as it applies to physical qualifications of a driver who has applied for or holds a commercial driver's license (as defined in IC 9-13-2-29), diagnosed as an insulin dependent diabetic, if the driver has applied for and been granted an intrastate medical waiver by the bureau of motor vehicles completed and signed by a certified endocrinologist or the driver's treating physician attesting that the driver:

(A) is otherwise physically qualified under Subpart 391.41 to operate a motor vehicle and is not likely to suffer any diminution in driving ability due to the driver's diabetic condition;

(B) is free of severe hypoglycemia or hypoglycemia unawareness and has had less than one (1) documented, symptomatic hypoglycemic reaction per month;

(C) has demonstrated the ability and willingness to properly monitor and manage the driver's diabetic condition;

(D) has agreed to and, to the endocrinologist's or treating physician's knowledge, has carried a source of rapidly absorbable glucose at all times while driving a motor vehicle,

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has self monitored blood glucose levels one (1) hour before driving and at least once every four (4) hours while driving or on duty before driving using a portable glucose monitoring device equipped with a computerized memory; and
(E) has submitted the blood glucose logs from the monitoring device to the endocrinologist or treating physician at the time of the annual medical examination.

A copy of the blood glucose logs shall be filed along with the annual statement from the endocrinologist or treating physician with the bureau of motor vehicles for review by the driver licensing medical advisory board established under IC 9-14-4. A copy of the annual statement shall also be provided to the driver's employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, and a copy shall be retained and held by the driver while driving for presentation to an authorized federal, state, or local law enforcement official.

(2) Subpart 396.9 as it applies to inspection of vehicles carrying or loaded with a perishable product. However, this exemption does not prohibit a law enforcement officer from stopping these vehicles for an obvious violation that poses an imminent threat of an accident or incident. The exemption is not intended to include refrigerated vehicles loaded with perishables when the refrigeration unit is working.

(3) Subpart 396.11 as it applies to driver vehicle inspection reports.

(4) Subpart 396.13 as it applies to driver inspection.

(h) For purposes of 49 CFR 395.1(l), "planting and harvesting season" refers to the period between January 1 and December 31 of each year. The intrastate commerce exception set forth in 49 CFR 395.1(l), as it applies to the transportation of agricultural commodities and farm supplies, is restricted to single vehicles and cargo tank motor vehicles with a capacity of not more than five thousand four hundred (5,400) gallons.

(i) The requirements of 49 CFR 390.21 do not apply to an intrastate carrier or a guest operator not engaged in interstate commerce and operating a motor vehicle as a farm vehicle in connection with agricultural pursuits usual and normal to the user's farming operation or for personal purposes unless the vehicle is operated either part time or incidentally in the conduct of a commercial enterprise.

(j) The superintendent of state police may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing the parts and subparts of 49 CFR incorporated by reference under this section.

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1 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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